

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

BIFURCATED AXIALLY FLEXIBLE STENT,

the specification of which

(check one) ☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as

Application Serial No. _____

and was amended on _____.
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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Figure 1. The effect of the number of trials (n) on the probability of detecting a change in the mean of a normal distribution. The figure shows three curves for different values of the standard deviation (σ): $\sigma = 0.5$ (solid line), $\sigma = 1$ (dashed line), and $\sigma = 2$ (dotted line). The x-axis represents the number of trials (n) from 0 to 100, and the y-axis represents the probability of detection from 0 to 1. All curves start at 0.5 for $n=0$ and increase as n increases, approaching 1. The curve for $\sigma = 0.5$ rises most steeply, followed by $\sigma = 1$, and then $\sigma = 2$.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

January 26, 1996
(Filing Date)

April 26, 1996
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May 8, 1996
(Filing Date)

August 16, 1996
(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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